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Enjoying family time



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Airman 1st Class Marcos Lopez, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, dances with his baby girl, Cecilia, as the band "Renegade" plays in the background at the

Welcome Home Picnic held Friday. For more information about the event see, **Welcome Home Picnic says ... Thank you for your support**, Page 15.

Airmen spend day with Spencer, Cobb

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Enlisted Airmen at Davis-Monthan may soon be able to step into the wing commander's and command chief's shoes for a day.

The experience is designed to enhance Airmen's career potential through three new programs being implemented by base leadership.

"A huge part of nurturing our Airmen is mentorship," said Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief. "Col. [Michael] Spencer [355th Wing commander] has tasked me to create and develop the programs to provide mentorship to our entire enlisted core."

From this tasking and the input from base

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Arrive alive

Following safety tips vital during last weekend of 101 Critical Days of Summer

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

This weekend's Labor Day holiday brings with it an opportunity for the base community to relax after a long hot summer.

However, the holiday has proven fatal in the past to those who lose sight of the importance of extra caution during the last weekend of the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

"One of the main keys to a safe

holiday weekend is to plan what you are going to do," said Michael Barnes, 355th Wing Ground Safety manager. "If you are traveling, get plenty of rest, plan your route, check your vehicle, wear seat belts and avoid marathon driving. If you are planning to be involved in recreational activities, don't over do it, drink plenty of water, wear sunscreen, wear personal protective gear, don't show-off and watch the children closely."

Another pitfall to avoid is drink-

ing and driving.

"Simply put, don't drink and drive," Mr. Barnes said. "Instead, plan to have a designated driver, stay over night or get a ride home via taxi."

To help its Airmen arrive alive, Davis-Monthan offers a program called Airmen Against Drunk Driving. The AADD program provides a free taxi service during the weekends to all military members, regardless of rank.

"This program is a security blan-

ket and a safe alternative for those who need a ride home after drinking," said Airman 1st Class Teresa Edloe, 612th Combat Operations Squadron AADD coordinator. "The AADD program protects our military members from endangering themselves and other people."

Hours for AADD have expanded for the Labor Day holiday weekend. Drivers will be available Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to

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306 Airmen have been saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

**Need a ride call AADD at
850-2233**

Hours of Operation for the Labor Day weekend are Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and Sunday and Monday from 6 p.m. to midnight.



Col. Michael Spencer
355th Wing Commander

Labor Day weekend safety

First and foremost, I want everyone to enjoy the four day weekend in celebration of Labor Day. You all have worked hard and have certainly earned time off with your friends and families.

Before you head off to enjoy your weekend however, I want to stress the importance of two things. Some of you may believe you're above what I'm going to pass on. Unfortunately, the statistics aren't in your favor.

First, don't drink and drive. Last weekend alone 200 drivers were arrested in Arizona

for drinking and driving. With a long Labor Day weekend ahead, those numbers will likely increase. We all need to focus on ensuring we don't become one of those statistics.

Last year, 17,000 people died in the U.S. as a result of alcohol related accidents, 470 of which occurred in Arizona.

Second, play hard, but play smart. Plan what you want to do this weekend. Recognize the risks in your activities and take steps to eliminate those risks. It can help prevent needless injuries or even death.

Make sure you use good judgment and maturity. That alone is a huge step toward ensuring that all of us are back and ready to work come Tuesday.

Every member of the D-M family should have some fun, visiting with friends and family, but please look out for one another this weekend. We cannot afford to lose a teammate.

You've heard it before, "No Airman Alone," "We're Airmen 24/7" and "Knock it Off." Don't hesitate to call "Knock it Off" when someone you know wants to do something unwise. If you didn't arrange a designated driver or if it fell through at the last minute, there are always other options to prevent you from drinking and driving.

Our Airmen Against Drunk Driving has already saved 306 Airmen since last December. Those 306 Airmen simply called 850-2233 instead of getting into their cars.

If you would like to volunteer your time to help out, contact Senior Airman Alexander Rosales at 228-9606.

Just know that help is always available — please take advantage of those volunteers and be safe. Asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*.

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Stories also include units making improvements to the methods or processes that they use or to squadron facilities or community areas via self help projects.

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COMACC sends Labor Day message

By Gen. Hal Hornburg
Commander,
Air Combat Command

The arrival of Labor Day marks the end of the traditional 101 Critical Days of Summer.

As we remember the many contributions and sacrifices that American workers have made in building our great nation, we also face the challenge of a proven high-risk extended weekend for Air Force personnel.

Many Airmen can and should take to the highways and get in one last vacation as summer comes to an end, but the fact is, our nation's



highways are dangerous and they kill. We have lost 23 irreplaceable Airmen this year.

Take care of yourself and your families this Labor Day weekend; maintain the posted speed limit, wear your seat belt, don't drink and drive, or drive while fatigued, and practice personal risk management in everything you do.

Your continued health and well-being are vital to the mission of Air Combat Command. Preparation and self-discipline are the keys to a safe and enjoyable Labor Day. Please enjoy your well-deserved break and be safe.

Airmen receive UCMJ punishment

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman 1st class, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **driving a vehicle with an unfastened seatbelt, failure to provide proof of registration and for failure to report a traffic violation**. These were violations of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ An airman 1st class from the 563rd Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman basic, restriction to Davis-Monthan for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **being absent without leave**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ A 2nd lieutenant from the 305th Rescue Squadron received a reprimand for **telling an obscene joke and disorderly conduct**. These were violations of Article 133 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman 1st class from the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for **stealing a beverage from the base exchange**. This was a violation of Article 121 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman basic from the 563rd MXS was **discharged** with a general characterization

for **drug abuse**, supported by one Article 15 and two letters of reprimand.

◆ An airman basic from the 563rd MXS was **discharged** with a general characterization for a **pattern of misconduct**, supported by two Article 15s and one vacation of suspended nonjudicial punishment.

◆ An airman basic from the 563rd MXS was **discharged** with a general characterization for a **pattern of misconduct**, supported by two Article 15s, one letter of reprimand, one letter of counseling and two records of individual counseling.

◆ An airman basic from the 355th EMS was **discharged** with a general characterization for a **pattern of misconduct**, supported by two Article 15s and one letter of reprimand.

(Editors note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocates Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which includes: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)

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5 a.m. and Sunday and Monday from 6 p.m. to midnight.

"There's nothing wrong with having fun on the weekends," Airman Edloe said. "But the best way to stay [safe] is to plan ahead and have a designated driver or call [us]. [Airmen Against Drunk Driving] allows Airmen to watch out for each other."

Watching out for each other and being good Wingmen is another key to a safe holiday

weekend for the entire D-M community.

"A good Wingman plans ahead of time to ensure no one drinks and drives, is left behind or does not have a safe way home," Mr. Barnes said. "They set a good example for other Airmen."

Following the tips to a safe holiday will help ensure the Desert Lightning Community has a successful weekend.

"We have already lost two Airmen this 101 Critical Days of Summer to traffic mishaps," Mr. Barnes said. "Please be vigilant and take care of each other."

News Notes

Case lot sale

The commissary is scheduled to have their Annual September Case Lot Sale Friday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.

Housing office closure

The housing office will be closed Friday through Monday. It will re-open Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. For emergencies, call the housing maintenance office at 228-8600.

AAFES holiday hours

Army Air Force Exchange Service facilities are scheduled to have the following hours Monday for Labor Day:

Main exchange: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Home and garden center: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Car Care Center/Shoppette/Class 6: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Burger King: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

General Nutrition Center: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Snack Bar/Food Fun: Closed

All of other AAFES concessions: Closed

Diagnostic imaging closure

The 355th Medical Group's diagnostic imaging element will be closed from Sept. 13 through 17 due to power outages in preparation for X-Ray renovations. Scheduled mammography and ultrasound appointments will still be available. For more information, call 228-2870.

Annual Vehicle Roll By

The annual vehicle roll by is scheduled to be held Tuesday from 7 to 11 a.m. at Arizona and Fifth Streets.

Fiscal requirements

The 355th Contracting Squadron is implementing guidelines for processing fiscal 2004 end-of-year requirements and fiscal 2005 service requirements. Funded and unfunded Air Force Form 9s for end-of-year requests and advance planning for fiscal 2005 must be prepared and submitted through resource advisors. For more information and cut-off dates, call Rhonda Chavez at 228-4180.

Terrorism history

Sept. 5, 1986, 21 people, including two Americans, were killed in an abortive hijacking of Pan Am Flight 73 by four Arab gunman.



Master Sgt. Lee Hays, 355th Security Forces Squadron response team leader, directs security forces' members to secure locations creating entry control points. The goal of his actions were to prohibit unnecessary traffic into the site of a terrorists bombing as part of a Major Accident Response Exercise at Davis-Monthan Aug. 25.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Moving with a sense of urgency

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore and
Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Several members from D-M agencies teamed together to answer a Major Accident Response Exercise Aug. 25.

The team was faced with a scenario where a terrorist gained access to the base and exploded his vehicle.

Exercises such as this are designed to evaluate the wing's ability to respond to natural disasters, chemical, biological, mass casualty and terrorist activities, said Maj. Cory Bennett, 355th Wing Inspections, Plans and Programs chief of inspections. "These exercises are geared towards events that could happen at Davis-Monthan or in the Tucson community."

Airmen and civilians from almost every base agency responded to, or were affected by, the call.

"The participants vary based upon the type of exercise," said Tech. Sgt. Joe Bridges, 355th Wing NCO in charge of wing inspections and readiness.



Master Sgt. Frank Solitro, 355th Security Forces, and Tech. Sgt. David Hicks, 355th Aerospace Medical Squadron, annotate their observations of troop response and setup during a simulated terrorist bombing. The Major Accident Response Exercise trains personnel to be ready to fight when called upon.

The recent MARE pulled together experts from security forces, the fire department, the explosive ordinance department, the communications squadron, the medical group and command and control. The operations group and

maintenance group also had personnel ready to assist.

In addition to those required to play in the exercise, all base personnel are responsible for maintaining personal awareness, sometimes causing non-players to take

an active role in the MARE.

When Airmen see something suspicious they need to react to it as though it is real, said Col. Michael Isherwood, 355th Wing vice commander.

The practice of MAREs may cause delays and inconvenience for base members, but they serve an important purpose.

Rapid response capability and base populace survivability are greatly increased through continual training of key wing responders, Major Bennett said.

Air Force Instruction 10-2501, Full Spectrum Threat Response, dictates the nature and frequency of MAREs and enemy attack exercises.

There are a multitude of scenarios designed to prepare members for anything from natural disasters to terrorist attacks using weapons of mass destruction, Sergeant Bridges said.

"Each exercise is tailored to test many different real world events," Major Bennett said. Base MAREs provide many lessons that can be used anywhere at any time.

Hispanic heritage celebrating culture, tradition



By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

The annual Hispanic Heritage Month is scheduled to kick off with a luncheon at The Mirage Officers' Club Sept. 15.

This is a month of celebration of the cultures tied together by the Spanish language and celebrates the struggle of blending Old World with New World customs. Some of the aspects of cultures mixing include different faiths, cultures, music, art, literature and cuisine.

"Participating in these events enlightens Airmen's understanding of fellow workers' ideas about life and how to interact with different people from other cultures," said Capt. Carlos Carter, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Hispanic Heritage Committee chairman. "This is important due to the diversity of cultures that the Americans serving in the military bring. As well as the global interactions with NATO affiliates, this annual immersion builds trust and understanding between Airmen."

The Hispanic Heritage Month has scheduled several festivities around base.

Spanish Mass is scheduled to be held at D-M's Desert Dove Chapel Sept. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m.

The children's reading program is scheduled at both Child Development Centers. The Dorothy Finley CDC is scheduled to have readings Sept. 28 and 30 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The D-M CDC is scheduled to have readings Sept. 30 from 3 to 4 p.m. and Oct. 1 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The CDCs will also have separate days for cultural and educational activities. The D-M CDC is scheduled to have cultural and educational activities Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Dorothy Finley CDC is scheduled to host the same activities Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 6, a dormitory celebration is scheduled to be held in Building 3500.

The Hispanic Heritage Month is scheduled to conclude Oct. 15 with a Latin Extravaganza at The Mirage Officers' Club from 6 to 9 p.m.

"All events are open to everyone in the military, surrounding retirement community and their guests," Capt. Carter said. The only requirement to be part of the activities is a willingness to come and have a good time learning about a dynamic culture through entertainment and cuisine.

For more information on Hispanic Heritage Month, or to serve on the committee for this year's Hispanic Heritage events, contact Capt. Carter at 228-0175 or call 228-4660.

Shadow

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Airmen the Wing Shadow Programs were developed. The three programs target a different tier of the enlisted chain of command.

The Commander's Program targets senior airmen and below. It kicked off Aug. 26 when Airman 1st Class Joseph Mullins, 355th Communications Squadron intrusion detection specialist, shadowed Colonel Spencer in the morning and Chief Cobb in the afternoon.

"This program provides an opportunity for [Airmen] to see how the other squadrons operate and receive a big picture of the wing," Chief Cobb said.

Airmen Mullins said the experience has given him a new perspective.

Base leadership does not spend their time sitting behind their desk, the Airman said. They are out there mingling with others.

"Our leaders are doing the things that they are asking us to



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, shows Airman 1st Class Joseph Mullins, 355th Communications, some of the paperwork he goes through daily. Airman Mullins was the first Airman who was chosen to participate in the new Commander's Shadow Program, giving him an opportunity to spend the morning with Col. Spencer and the afternoon with Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb.

do," Airmen Mullins said. Colonel Spencer stopped to pick up trash around the base at lunchtime.

"Even though Chief Cobb is tied to such a strict schedule, he will take the time to talk to everyone

he meets," Airman Mullins said. "When we went to the education office there was a person there who looked like he was down on his luck. And the chief took the time to talk to him and figured out what was

wrong."

Airmen are selected to participate in this monthly program by their group chief.

The Command Chief's Program, which was established for staff and technical sergeants is scheduled to begin Thursday.

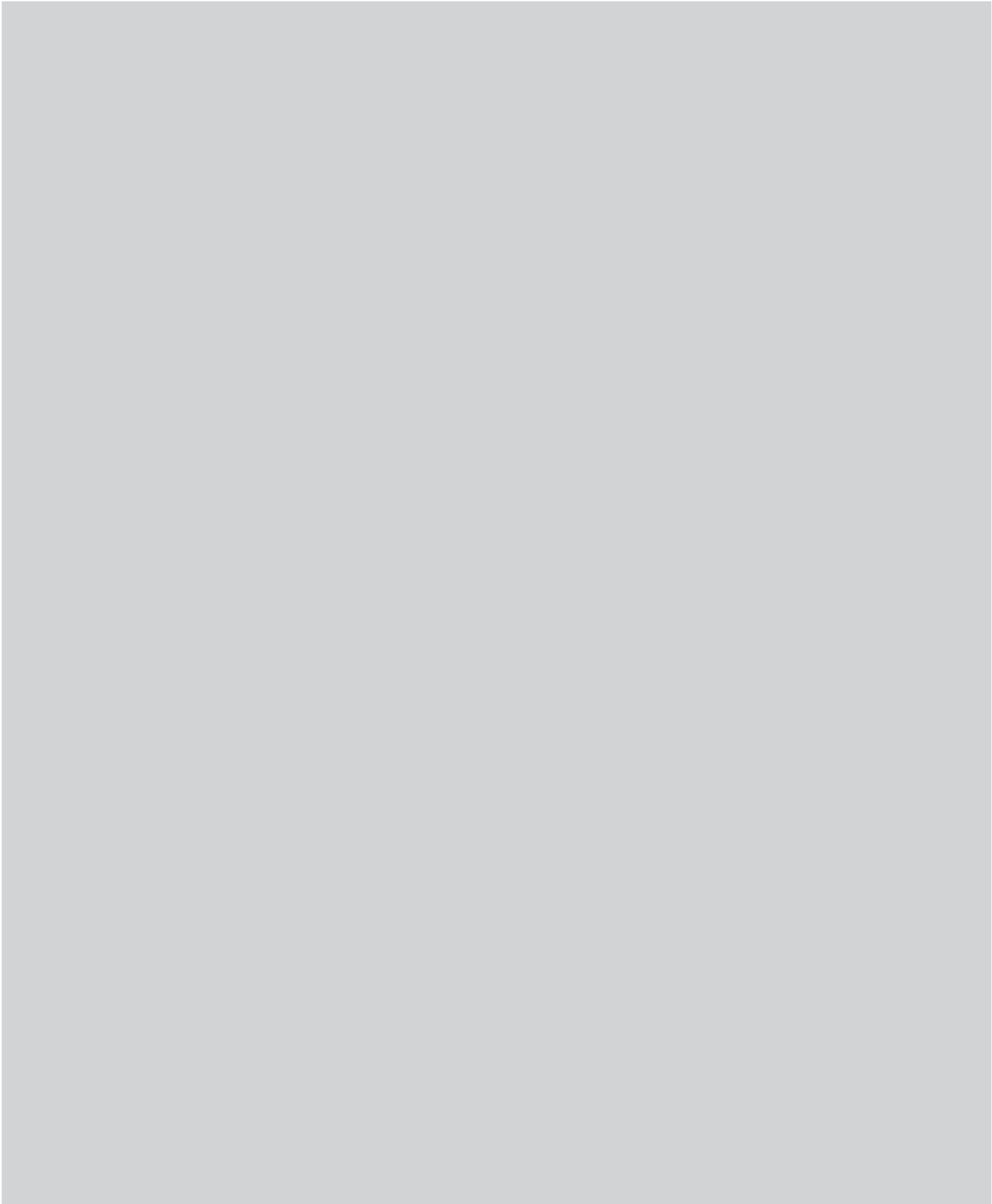
This program allows a selected sergeant to spend a full day shadowing the command chief.

The participant in this weekly program will also be selected by their group chief.

"The Wing Shadow Programs provides an opportunity for young Airmen to experience what wing leadership does for a day," the chief said.

The third program has been established for senior master sergeants to assist them in achieving their chief stripe.

"I have asked all senior master sergeants eligible to test for chief to spend an hour with me reviewing records and providing them mentorship and with an understanding of the promotion program to give them more opportunity to reach the highest enlisted grade," Chief Cobb said.





Airman Veronica Pierce

Children participate in a water balloon fight at the Annual Hearts Apart Luau hosted by Davis-Monthan Family Support Center Saturday. The Hearts Apart Program is one of many activities offered by the FSC to nurture families who have a member performing a temporary duty assignment or serving on a remote tour.

FSC: Supporting military families when members are deployed, serving short tours

By Senior Airman Cat Casaigne
355th Wing Public Affairs

Deployments can be hard on military families. But the D-M Family Support Center wants Desert Lightning Airmen to know there are services and programs in place to help the spouses and children of those deployed.

The FSC offers several programs so spouses and children of deployed Airmen can relax, have some fun and take their minds off the stress that surrounds a deployment. Each program is designed to strengthen the efforts in achieving D-M's goals of developing and nurturing Airmen and making sure Airmen are prepared to deploy when called.

Such programs include Hearts Apart, which is a monthly outing free of charge; free childcare and oil changes; morale calls and computer support; and deployed family dining, said Tech. Sgt. Karen Kaylor, 355th Mission Support Squadron FSC readiness NCO.

"Hearts Apart is a program that does outings, such as movies, miniature golf or trips to the zoo," Sergeant Kaylor said. "Any spouse or

child of those who are deployed or on a remote tour can come, but we require a R.S.V.P. for each event."

In a way, Hearts Apart is a support group for families since it encourages families to get out, meet and talk to other families who are going through the same thing, Sergeant Kaylor said.

Sometimes parents need a break [from their children], even if it is only for a few hours, Sergeant Kaylor said.

The free childcare and oil changes are provided to Airmen's families by the Air Force Aid Society. Childcare is offered two Saturdays a month from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The dates are advertised in the Deployed Spouses Newsletter, another initiative by the FSC to keep spouses of deployed members informed of services provided each month.

To receive a free oil change, spouses need to call the FSC to get a voucher, provide a copy of the deployed spouse's orders and schedule an appointment with either the base hobby shop or the base gas station, Sergeant Kaylor said. Spouses are entitled to one free oil change of their primary vehicle for a 30-day deployment.

"The AFAS offers the oil change as a means to hopefully relieve stress that may come from worrying about vehicles," Sergeant Kaylor said.

Each family is also allowed a 15-minute morale call a week. Spouses must first go to the FSC to set up the program. Additionally, the 355th Communications Squadron has a volunteer group who helps spouses of those deployed with computer issues.

Spouses can set up an appointment to have their computer looked at by calling the FSC at 228-5690, said Gloria McKamy, FSC community readiness technician.

Another way the FSC is building a support network is through the deployed family dining at The Desert Inn Dining Facility every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

"It's a nice environment. The folks at the dining facility have set up a nice section with high chairs, booster chairs and a big screen [television]," Sergeant Kaylor said.

On top of all the programs the FSC also offers countdown calendars, coloring books, stationary and reunion literature. All of these are free of charge.

"There are so many things that can happen when a loved one goes away, so many questions that come up and so many things that change, for better or worse. You may not know how to answer a child's tough questions," Sergeant Kaylor said. "Some of our literature may have answers to the very questions you are asking yourself."

The deployed spouses programs are in place to help spouses cope with a difficult and stressing time, but can also help put the mind of the deployed member at ease just by knowing his family is taken care of.

When Airmen know there is someone here for their families to turn to while they are away, it helps lift one of the heavy burdens of deployment, Sergeant Kaylor said. There are a lot of young couples and young single parents in today's military and the FSC hopes to help them take care of those families.

"We hope by providing these programs to families that it may help to ease some of the stress and tension experienced before and after deployments," Sergeant Kaylor said.

Free, nearly free software available for PCs

The Department of Defense Antivirus Software License Agreement allows active DoD employees to use antivirus software for their home computers.

Home use of antivirus products not only protects personal computers, but may decrease the threat of employees bringing viruses to work and compromising DoD networks.

Workgroup managers can help individuals download and burn CD antivirus software for Windows, Macintosh and personal digital assistants to a CD.

To get the "Downloading Antivirus Software for Home Use Tutorial," visit http://www.cert.mil/antivirus/av_info.htm.

Contractors are excluded from using the free software at home or on systems which do not belong to the DoD.

Additionally, Air Combat Command military and Department of the Air Force civilians may participate in Microsoft's Home Use Program and Employee Purchase Benefit Program.

These programs are part of ACC and MS's software agreement — which make MS software available to eligible members for home use with significant savings. For example, a copy of Microsoft Office 2003 which has Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Access plus others can

be purchased at a reduced cost.

Military and DAF civilians assigned to ACC units (regardless of location) are eligible. Non-ACC personnel at ACC bases, such as contractors and Non-Appropriated Fund employees are not eligible because they are not included in the software agreement for a discount.

The following programs are offered:

◆ **Home Use Program:** Members may obtain MS Office for home use, provided their work PC has a licensed copy of Office. Members do not pay the full cost for a license; but extend their work license for use on their home PC for the price of an install CD.

◆ **Employee Purchase Program:** Members may purchase MS software and hardware products at discounted prices. The EPP offers more products than the HUP, and is not tied to a work PC license. Members can view product availability and pricing at Microsoft's EPP Web site.

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For program details and product ordering instructions, check the EPP and HUP User

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For Air Force Portal guide access log onto <https://www.my.af.mil/>

1. Select My Org tag (to reach ACC page)
2. If you are at the ACC page, go to step 4
3. If you are not at the ACC page, click the small ACC link below the "AF Home" tab
4. Select the My Workspace tab. Then select the My Work navigation link and look for the ACC information management block.
5. Select the News and Info Link and click on the EPP and HUP User Guide link.
6. Review the program guide and proceed as appropriate
 - a. Note access code(s) in the guide to access the Microsoft site will be required
 - b. Please do not distribute the User Guide or the access codes to unauthorized (i.e. non-ACC) personnel

Strength at home -- actor honors military spouses

By Ben Stein
Actor

This is a letter I wrote to the newsletter of an Army unit called The Strykers, stationed in Iraq out of Ft. Lewis, Wash. The editor asked me what I would say to make the wives feel appreciated while their husbands are in Iraq. This is what I wrote to one soldier's wife.

Dear Karen,

I have a great life. I have a wife I adore, a son who is a lazy teenager but I adore him, too. We live in a house with two dogs and four cats. We live in peace. We

can worship as we please. We can say what we want. We can walk the streets in safety. We can vote. We can work wherever we want and buy whatever we want. When we sleep, we sleep in peace. When we wake up, it is to the sounds of birds.

All of this, every bit of it, is thanks to your husband, his brave fellow soldiers and to the wives who keep the home fires burning while the soldiers are away protecting my family and 140 million other families. They protect Republicans and Democrats, Christians, Jews, Muslims and atheists. They protect white, black, yellow, brown and every-

one in between. They protect gays and straights, rich and poor.

And none of it could happen without the Army wives, Marine wives, Navy wives, Air Force wives — or husbands — who go to sleep tired and lonely, wake up tired and lonely, and go through the day with a smile on their faces. They feed the kids, put up with the teenagers' surliness, the bills that never stop piling up, the desperate hours when the plumbing breaks and there is no husband to fix it, and the even more desperate hours after the kids have gone to bed, the dishes have been done, the bills have been paid and the

wives realize that they will be sleeping alone — again, for the 300th night in a row.

The wives keep up the fight even when they have to move every couple of years, even when their checks are late, even when they have to make a whole new set of friends every time they move.

And they keep up the fight to keep the family whole even when they feel a lump of dread every time they turn on the news, every time they switch on the computer, every time the phone rings and every time — worst of

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Final Answer

What do you plan to do when you retire?



Carlos Torres
355th Wing

"When I retire, I plan to have a hot dog stand called the 'El Whiney Loco'."



Senior Airman Olivia Montez
Air National Guard

"I plan to travel the world with my husband and serve God."



Airman 1st Class Amy Burrows
355th Comptroller Squadron

"I want to open a coffee shop in the Pacific Northwest area."



Capt. Christian Simms
12th Air Force

"When I retire, I would like to be a professional photographer."



(Ret.) Chief Master Sgt. Will Jordan
355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"When I retire this time, I'm going to ride my horses, golf and enjoy every day God gives me."



Staff Sgt. Sarah Lykins
355th Wing

"I plan to spend more time with my family and baby."

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all — the doorbell rings. Every one of those events — which might mean a baseball score or a weather forecast or a FedEx man to me and my wife — might mean the news that the man they love, the man they have married for better or worse, for richer and for poorer, in sickness and in health, is now parted from them forever.

These women will never be on the cover of People. They will never be on the tabloid shows on TV about movie stars. But they are the power and the strength that keep America going. Without them, we are nothing at all. With them, we can do everything.

They are the glue that holds the nation together, stronger than politicians, stronger than talking heads, stronger than al Qaeda.

They deserve all the honor and love a nation can give. They have my prayers, and my wife's, every morning and every night.

Love, and I do mean Love, Ben.

(Editor's note: Mr. Stein, a television personality and writer, is co-author with Phil DeMuth of "Can America Survive," forthcoming from Hay House. Reprinted from *The Wall Street Journal* 19_/2000 (2004) Dow Jones and Company, Inc. All rights reserved. Permission from Mr. Stein was also received.)

Spouse immersion program

The installation hosted its first spouse immersion program on Wednesday. The immersion offered the spouses of senior base personnel the opportunity to review Davis-Monthan's unique missions. The spouse immersion tour was led by Maureen Spencer, wife of Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. The spouses of the group and tenant commanders met with the senior leadership of the services agencies, the operations group and the maintenance group.

(Right) Capt. Jason Thornburg, 55th Rescue Squadron, shows Felecia Holmes some of the equipment of the HH-60 from the pilot's seat Wednesday.



Photos by Airman Veronica Pierce



(Left) (From left to right) Mary Ruehl, Felicia Holmes, Maureen Spencer, Dawn Isherwood, Anita Dickman, Karen Halstead, Rene Sammons and Wendy Van Valkenburg take a moment to pose for a photo. The ladies, spouses of group and tenant commanders, participated in a day long event to better understand Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's mission in war time and the specialized support available for those who stay behind.

FOD Fighter Winners

Congratulations to the following Airmen who were named the 355th Wing's Foreign Object Damage winners for the quarter of April to June.

1st Place

Airman 1st Class Sean Campos
355th Component Maintenance Squadron

2nd Place

Staff Sgt. Adalberto Franco
355th CMS

3rd Place

Senior Airman Matthew Coburn
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

FOD Poster

Tech. Sgt. Lindell Fite
355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Congratulations CDC 90s Club

Congratulations to the following Airmen who recently earned a score of 90 or above on their career development course exams.

25th Operational Weather Squadron: Tech. Sgt. Allan Brandt and Staff Sgt. Christian Hendrick;

43rd Electronic Combat Squadron: Senior Airman Justin Howard;

355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Airman 1st Class Michael Adair, Staff Sgt. Sam Ayun, Staff Sgt. William Jones, Airman 1st Class Marvin Lopez and Staff Sgt. Joel McCann;

355th Civil Engineer Squadron: Airman 1st Class Slej Lester Efren and Airman 1st Class Alfred Mines;

355th Component Maintenance Squadron: Airman 1st Class Shane

Harvey, Staff Sgt. Michelle Montierth and Airman 1st Class Rodolfo Pimentel;

355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron: Airman 1st Class Natalie Alvarado, Staff Sgt. Robert Capogros, Airman 1st Class Aaron Hylton, Staff Sgt. Paul Moore, Airman 1st Class Matthew Moyers and Airman 1st Class Charles Peterson;

355th Medical Operations Squadron: Senior Airman Carmen Vigo;

355th Wing: Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy;

612th Air Communications Squadron: Staff Sgt. Jerome Manibusan



Reading Seed seeks 500 volunteers to read to Pima County elementary students

The Reading Seed is a literacy program for elementary students in Pima County in first, second and third grades. Volunteers are

needed to tutor students one hour a week as a reading coach. A training workshop is scheduled to be held Sept. 21 from noon to

3 p.m. at the Golf Links Library.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Penny Pauly at 798-0700.

Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member -- officer, enlisted or civilian -- of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Kyle Shadden from the 354th Fighter Squadron. Sergeant Shadden is an aircrew life support section supervisor. According to his first sergeant, Master Sgt. Crystle Flowers, he was nominated for the spotlight because, "Staff Sgt. Shadden stepped up and did a fabulous job during the NCO in charge's absence."

The following is Sergeant Shadden's responses to a variety of questions.

Hometown: Ridgecrest, Calif.

Years of service: Six years

Why did you join the Air Force: I joined to travel and see different places.

Best aspects of the job: I work with a good

group of people.

Career goals: I want to make master sergeant and retire from the Air Force.

If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force? I would tell them about the benefits

and let them know we spend less time deployed than any other service.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? Take care of your people.

Your most memorable moment in the Air Force? My two month temporary duty to Germany.

Name someone who inspires you and why: My first boss, Master Sgt. Pilger, because he was an excellent boss and mentor.



Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help build houses Sept. 11

Tucson's 3rd Annual Building Freedom Day is scheduled for Sept. 11. They are in need of 80 to 180 volunteers to help make the program a success.

Twelve houses are scheduled to be built.

The Air Force will be solely responsible for the completion of one house.

Volunteers will work in four three-hour shifts: 6 to 9 a.m., 9 a.m. to noon, noon to 3 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Habitat for Humanity

will provide all tools, materials and training for the projects as well as food and drinks throughout the day.

For more information, e-mail Tech. Sgt. David Sublette at david.sublette@dm.af.mil.



Welcome Home Picnic says ... Thank you for your support

Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Wing leadership and local community members from the DM-50, Air Force Association and Military Affairs Committee joined forces Friday to thank those who have deployed in support of the global war on terrorism and their families for the sacrifices they have made over the past year.

The picnic included many activities including: the live band "Renegade," dancing, food, beverages and much more. Children also joined in on the fun with face painting, jumping castles and clowns.

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, thanked the families and Airmen who had deployed in a speech. His words reminded the Desert Lightning community of the importance of the sacrifices made in order to fight the war on terrorism.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

(Above) Brennan Winder, son of Staff Sgt. Emerson Winder, 355th Operations Support Squadron, is given a balloon dog by Lulu the clown.

(Below) Airman 1st Class Michael Perrion, followed by Airman Zacharias Thorpe, both from the 355th Civil Engineering Squadron, go through the food line at the first Welcome Home Picnic. A wide variety of food and beverages were free for the servicemembers and families of those who were deployed to show the community's appreciation for their sacrifices.

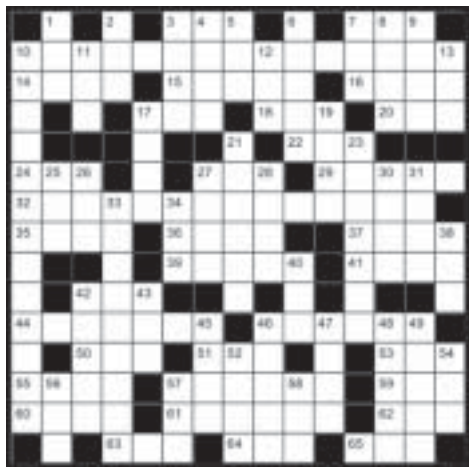


(Left) "Renegade" band member Brian Brunner plays "Orange Blossom," for members of the Desert Lightning community and their families. The band played various songs Friday to provide live entertainment and an opportunity for participants to dance and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere.

Deploying force

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs



Across

3. University of Georgia mascot
7. One's fortune in life
10. What a C-Bag is for (two words)
14. Capital of Norway
15. Honeydew or water
16. VIP
17. Person who interprets 3 Down
18. Dame
20. Mining goal
22. Sass
24. Order with motto 'For God and the Empire'
27. Discovery exclamation
29. Peninsula of SE Asia
32. Necessity for deploying members to take care of families (3 words)
35. Pal
36. Snake-like fishes
37. Law to enforce during war
39. Queried
41. Sports channel
42. Diving sea bird of northern regions

44. MREs to deploying troops
46. Military org. concerned with deploying members' records
50. Alcoholic beverage made with rye and berries
51. Columbus, OH school
53. Picnic pest
55. At the home of; at or by
57. Loves
59. 3 in old Rome
60. Ripped
61. Concern of all deploying service members, commanders
62. Rules to observe during wartime
63. Primary, secondary or hasty; spots to fight from, in short
64. Part of a circle
65. Wear, as in gas mask

Down

1. VCR tape

2. Mil. org. for moving household goods
3. Mil. law applicable at all times, everywhere
4. Mother Earth
5. Everything
6. Of, relating to, or prescribing punishment, as in 3 Down
7. Pay statement needed for deployment
8. Aware of, criminal activity (two words)
9. Former Russian ruler
10. Rules to observe when captured (3 words)
11. Large North American deer
12. Tag given to service members
13. Previous to; before
17. Dirt
19. Hobble
21. Deployment assignments
23. Items used to move cargo on aircraft for deployments
25. Mil. pay entitlement on 7 Down

26. Flightless bird
27. Hole-in-ones
28. Rear end (British slang)
30. Country of SE Asia
31. Catch a wink; take _
33. What members must be before deploying
34. Vote of agreement
38. CSAF's naval equivalent
40. Name in legal proceedings to designate an unknown
42. Ire
43. Barbie's pal
45. Cola
46. Containing less extraneous than most
47. Having pink or red color
48. Capital of Egypt
49. Edible bulb vegetable
52. Accord between foreign gov't and US for handling troops
54. Even
56. Spicy
57. Cleopatra killer
58. And so forth, briefly

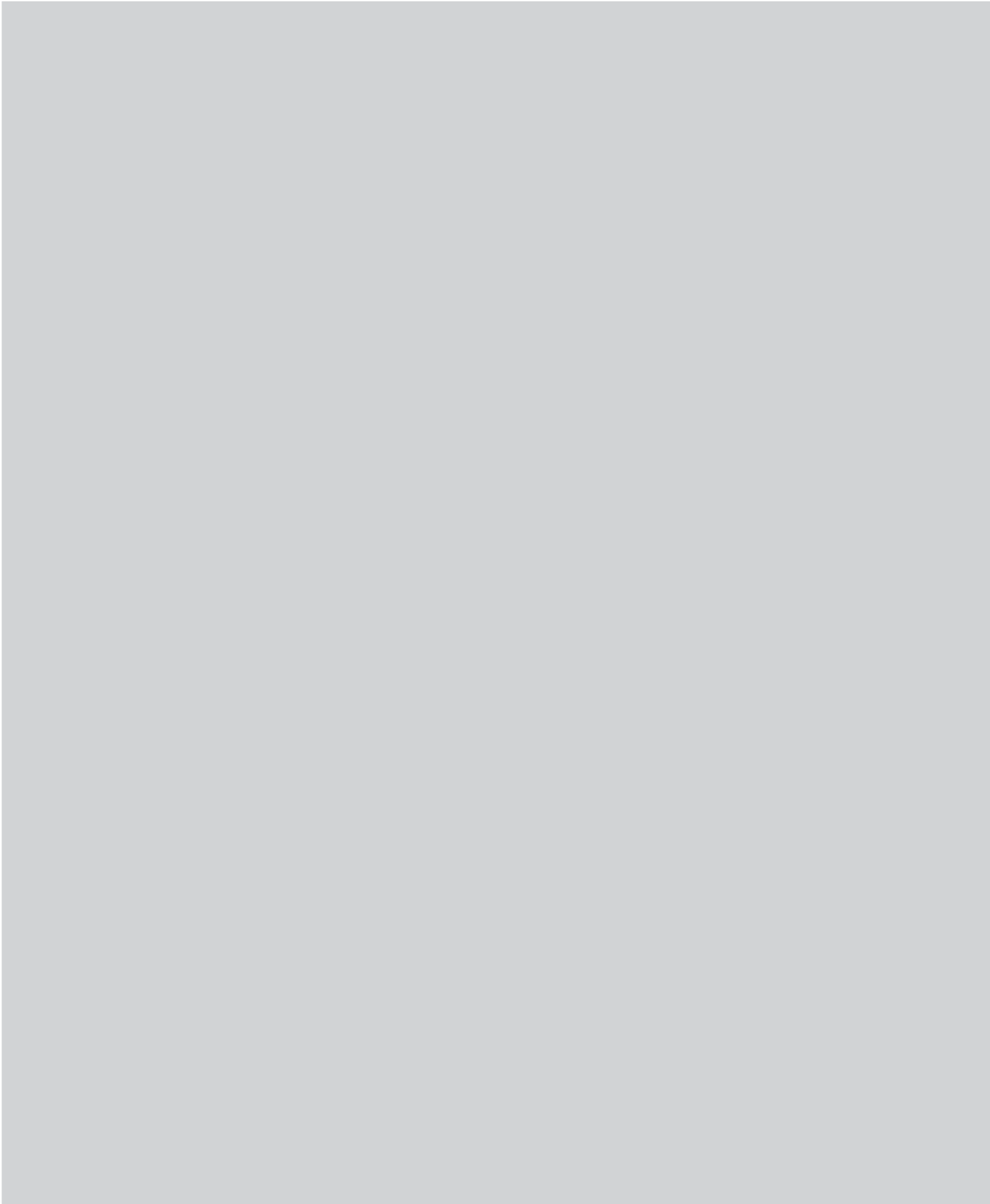
(The solutions for this week's crossword puzzle are located on Page 25. For more information regarding "The Lighter Side," call 228-3071.)



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Limit one coupon per customer. Expense to GLAC 752A5. Expires Sept. 10, 2004.

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Airman shoots 61, sets new D-M course record

By Capt. Karin McWhorter
355th Wing Public Affairs

If Airman 1st Class Ryan McAllister, 355th Communication Squadron, is asked how long he has been playing golf, he can honestly say his whole life. The 20-year-old Airman started golfing as a child at Moody Air Force

Base, Ga., where his father, retired Master Sgt. John McAllister, was stationed.

"Whenever I went out to play, Ryan always wanted to go with me. So, if I was heading to the putting green or the driving range, I would take him with me. I think he actually started hitting the ball when he was two years old. I finally had to cut him some clubs

so he could hit," Mr. McAllister said.

His father's ingenuity has certainly paid off. Airman McAllister is the new course record holder at the Davis-Monthan Golf Course. His score of 61 bested the three-year-old record of 62 and occurred during the Air Combat Command Qualifying Tournament. His play in the tournament earned him a spot in the ACC tournament that D-M will host in September. The top four finishers will receive places on the ACC golf team and will compete against the Royal Air Force Golf Team in England later this year.

Many golfers strive their whole life for a score of 61 and it isn't even McAllister's personal best.

"I played well during the qualifying tournament, but my best round ever was a 60 at the Chesapeake Country Club in Virginia," Airman McAllister said.

Airman McAllister is excited about the possibility of representing ACC and extremely enthusiastic about golf.

"It is such a great game and you get to meet people you wouldn't otherwise meet," Airman McAllister said. "How many retired general officers or chief master sergeants do you see at a pick up basketball game — very few because they are all on the golf course."

Golf has also aided in teaching the Georgia native about the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

"Golf is all about integrity — doing the right thing even when other people aren't looking," he said.

It also gives him the opportunity to represent the Air Force.

"Ryan has exceeded all expectations of golf. It is remarkable to see how far he has come in such a short period of time," his father said.



Stephanie Ritter

Airman 1st Class Ryan McAllister (right), 355th Communications Squadron, works on his technique by hitting balls at the Blanchard Golf Course's driving range while his dad, retired Master Sgt. John

McAllister looks on. Ryan recently broke the three-year-old D-M course record when he shot a 61, a score he hopes will help him make the Air Combat Command team in a tournament later this month.

Sports Shorts

Golf tournament

There is an Air Force Ball fundraising golf tournament Sept. 10 at the Blanchard Golf Course. The format is a four person scramble. The cost is \$40 and includes green fees, cart, drinks and a goodie bag. All proceeds will go toward the 2004 Air Force Ball. There will be prizes for the top three teams, closest to the pin and longest drive. In addition, participants will have a chance to win a new car in the hole-in-one contest on hole number 15. To sign up no later than Tuesday, contact Master Sgt. Erik Lester at 228-5575 or erik.lester@dm.af.mil or Maj. Carolyn Patrick at 228-2115 or carolyn.patrick@dm.af.mil.

Varsity sports teams

D-M's Women's Varsity Volleyball Team

and Men's Varsity Baseball Team are looking for players. Anyone interested in playing volleyball should call Tech. Sgt. Thomas Wilson at 228-5680 or send an e-mail to thomas.wilson2@dm.af.mil. Those interested in trying out for the baseball team should call 2nd Lt. Carlos Salas at 228-3360 or send an e-mail to carlos.salas@dm.af.mil. For more information about either team, call the D-M Varsity Sports Office at 228-0018.

Bowling center winter leagues

Bowling leagues are now forming at the D-M Bowling Center. The base bowling league start dates are as follows: Mondays: Phantom Mixed League starts Sept. 13 at 6:30 a.m. and the OWC Ladies Trios League starts Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays: Early

Risers Ladies Trios League starts Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays: Scratch Trios League starts Wednesday at 7 p.m. Thursdays: Thursday Mixed Doubles starts Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays: YABA League starts Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. Sundays: Youth/Adult Shrek 2 "Have a Ball" League starts Sept. 26 at 12:30 p.m. Also beginning Sept. 12, Wednesday Family Cosmic Bowling will move to Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. along with Family Dollar Days from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 228-3461.

Operation Night Hoops

The youth center will host Operation Night Hoops starting Saturday through

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Oct. 15. The program incorporates basketball skills and tournament play with life skills workshops before or after the games. Downtown teams are also invited to make it more fun and challenging. The program fee is \$10 per person for teens ages 13 to 18 years. For more information, call 228-8844.

Cochise Stronghold Hike

There is a hike to Cochise Stronghold Saturday. The hike is located to the west of Sunsites, Ariz. in the Dragoon Mountains at an elevation of 5,000 feet. This woodland area lies in a protective section of granite domes and sheer cliffs which were once the refuge of the great Apache Chief, Cochise, and his people. It is located within the Coronado National Forest. Participants are reminded to dress for the weather and to bring plenty of water, food and sunscreen. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and guide. For more information, call 228-3736.

Football Frenzy

The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club will be celebrating the 10th year of the popular Football Frenzy Club promotion. This year's

football action kicks off Thursday at 6 p.m. with the Indianapolis Colts facing the defending Super Bowl champion, the New England Patriots. Once again, club members will have the opportunity to win prizes like a plasma television, a trip to a regular season national football league game in Tampa Bay, Fla., tickets to the 2005 Super Bowl or tickets to the 2005 Pro Bowl in Hawaii. Club members will also be taking home local prizes including an X-Box System with a Madden NFL 2005 game or a customized Jeep Wrangler with XM satellite radio, custom wheels and Jeep accessories. Club customers can also expect food and drink specials, games and prizes. For more information, call The Desert Oasis at 228-3100.

Boxing match

Army Spc. Omar Candelaria, 355th Security Forces Squadron, will be fighting a four round bout against Gustavo Medina at the Desert Diamond Casino Friday. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 393-2799. For more information about Specialist Candelaria, see Page 19 of the Aug. 13 edition of *The Desert Airman*.

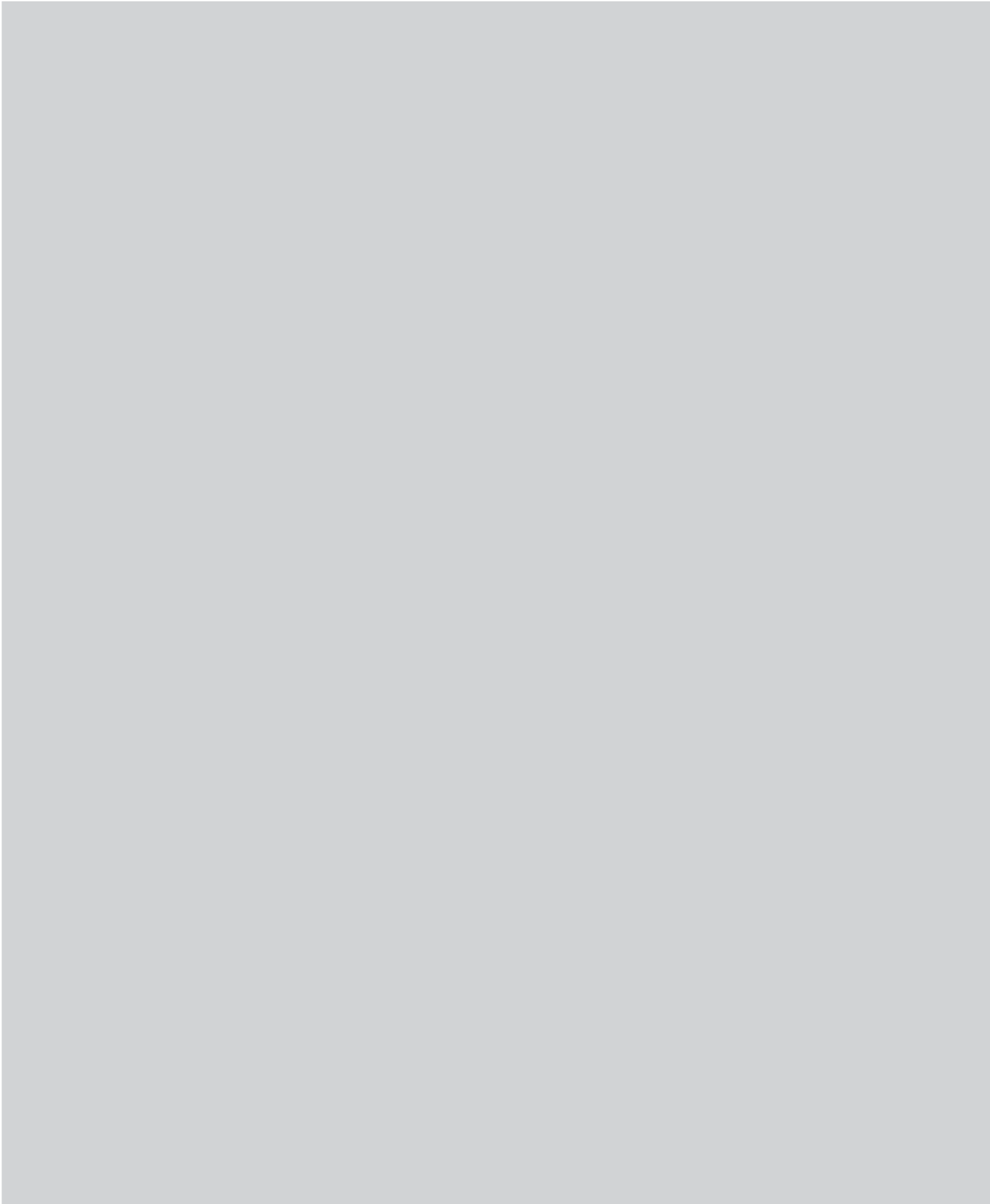
Marathon-prep series

Congratulations to all Desert Lightning Community members who competed in the first Marathon-prep series race, held at D-M

Aug. 28 at 7:30 a.m. More than 40 runners participated in the 5K race. The following were the winners:

Veronica Rudolphi and John O'Hara for the 18 to 25 year old groups, Lisa Firestone and Alex McCormick for the 26 to 35 year old groups, Danni Armstrong and Timothy Skinner for the 36 to 41 year old groups, Linda Wright and John Marvin for the 42 to 49 year old groups and Barron Robert for the 50 years and older group.

Individuals are reminded there is still time to register for the marathon-prep series. With a series of five remaining races, the program is designed to help members prepare for the Holualoa Tucson Marathon and Bobbi Olson Half-Marathon, which is scheduled to be held Dec. 5 in Tucson, Ariz. The pre-series will also help members train in a competitive environment and find other runners that match their fitness level. The next race, which will be a 10K (6.2 miles), is Saturday. Each of the remaining races will get steadily longer with 10 miles Sept. 19, 13 miles Oct. 3, 16 miles Oct. 24 and 20 miles Nov. 14. The registration fee is \$35. Various awards will be presented to participants. To be eligible any awards, participants must complete at least four of the six races. Winners of the series are determined by the lowest score for the series. For more information, call 228-0021.



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services, Sunday School programs, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, youth groups and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Power Hour

All women working on D-M are invited to the Working Women's Power Hour beginning Sept. 9. Sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, the Power Hour is a time of lunch and fellowship with a short, uplifting devotion. The program will be Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Participants buy their lunch at The Mirage and join the group for an exciting, power-packed event. For planning purposes, make reservations with Cindy Scott at 514-1031 no later than two days prior to the event.

Education Services

CCAF graduation

The fall Community College of the Air Force graduation is scheduled to be held Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Graduates will be contacted by the CCAF Advisor or the base training and education services counselor for more information and instructions for the graduation. For more information, call Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484 or Claudia Rodriguez at 228-3472.

Education Fair

An Education Fair is scheduled to be held Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. in The Mirage Officers' Club following the Community College of the Air Force graduation. On base colleges, local colleges and universities and other colleges that provide distance learning will be in attendance providing information on their respective degree programs. For more information, call Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484 or Claudia Rodriguez at 228-3472.

Troops To Teachers

For those who may be moving soon, Troops To Teachers has a new program aimed at helping military spouses interested in teaching. Called Spouses To Teachers, this pilot

program is in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. The program will offer limited financial assistance for state certification, counseling, guidance and information to eligible spouses. Eligibility is limited to spouses of active duty service members and members of the Selected Reserve or Individual Ready Reserve on extended duty. For more information, visit www.proudtoserveagain.com.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class is scheduled to take place at the family support center Tuesday and Sept. 14 from 9 to 10 a.m. This will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 10 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time for Tots

Time for Tots is scheduled for Wednesday and Sept. 15 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Sponsorship Training

To learn how to make a great first impression for new members assigned to base, attend the Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This class covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources and information. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Resume and Interview workshops

These workshops are Sept. 10 in Building 3200, Room 266 and cover the basic information to help individuals prepare for their next job. The Resume Workshop is from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Interview Workshop is from noon to 2 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of services available. The next orientation is Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Happenings

The Society of Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows is scheduled to meet Sept. 18 at noon at the Voyager Recreational Vehicle Resort, located at 8701 South Kolb Road, for lunch and a political forum. The event is open to the public. Can-

didates from Congressional Districts seven and eight will attend. The lunch buffet is \$10. To make reservations before Sept. 13, call Luise Bell at 663-0279. For more information about SMW, call Suzanne Shafe at 579-0789.

Enlisted Spouses Association

The ESA is searching for new members. Spouses of enlisted, National Guard, Reserve or retired service members, or single active duty Airmen who would like more information can call Tricia Attrill at 514-8900.

Thrift shop

The thrift shop will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon with consignments closing at 11:30 a.m. There will be a \$3 bag sale. During the rest of September, hours will return to Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m. In addition, the thrift shop is currently in need of volunteers. Those who are interested can send an e-mail to phyllisbishop@juno.com.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for DoD ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Friday: A Cinderella Story

(PG) High school senior Sam Montgomery lives at the beck and call of her self-obsessed step-mother and her sinfully wicked step-sisters. With her sights set on attending Princeton, Sam finds her less-than-sparkling social life wonderfully complicated when she meets her Prince Charming online. When her anonymous cyber mate turns out to be her school's popular quarterback, Sam dodges his efforts to discover her identity but she soon learns revealing the truth may mean living happily ever after. *1 hour, 38 minutes*



Saturday and Sunday: Catwoman

(PG-13) Patience Philips is a woman who can't seem to stop apologizing for her own existence. When Patience inadvertently happens upon a dark secret her employer is hiding, she finds herself in the middle of a corporate conspiracy. What happens next changes Patience forever. In a mystical twist of fate, she is transformed into a woman with the strength, speed, agility and ultra-keen senses of a cat. With her newfound prowess and feline intuition, Patience becomes

Catwoman, a stealthy creature balancing on the thin line between good and bad. *1 hour, 44 minutes*





Courtesy photo

2004 Oktoberfest

The 2nd Annual Southwest Oktoberfest will be held at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Sept. 17 from 4 to 10 p.m. Come out and enjoy a festive Oktoberfest atmosphere along with fun events like the beer stein and keg rolling races, and nail hammering, log sawing and cow milking contests. The annual Squadron Bed Race will kick off the event with the top three winners taking home a share of over \$500 in cash, prizes and trophies. There will be over \$4,000 in prize giveaways including hotel and resort stays, dinner and brunch for two, gift certificates and much more. The band "Renegade" will play and a variety of German food and beverages will be available for purchase. Local sponsors will also be on hand with free giveaways. Squadrons that want to participate in the bed race must register their teams and pay the \$15 entry fee at the community center by Sept. 15. For more information, call 228-3717.

Senior Airman Craig Clapp, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, participates in the log cutting contest during D-M's 2003 Oktoberfest.

fasts, lunches and family nights quarterly. Dollar Days is ACC's supplement to the Air Force level "Members First" program. With "Members First," club members receive discounts on food purchases and special functions including holiday buffets, dinners and special functions. Members even save 10 percent on all personal functions booked at the club. For more information about club membership, or to learn more about ACC Dollar Days events, call 228-3301.

Framing classes

The arts and crafts center has framing classes that consist of two sessions. In the first session, participants learn how to cut and join a frame. In the second session, they learn how to size and cut the mats and glass for the frames as well as how to assemble the finished piece. The cost of the class is \$20 and includes all the needed supplies. The next set of classes are today and Thursday and Sept. 16 and 23 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-4385.

Children's Workshop

There is a workshop at the arts and crafts center Sept. 11 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. that teaches children how to stencil garden pots using clay pots and decorative butterflies and bugs. The cost is \$7 and includes all needed supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

Membership drive

Air Force clubs are asking club members to "Get In On It." Their membership drive campaign, which kicks off Wednesday and runs through Nov. 30, asks new and existing members to take advantage of all the activities the clubs have to offer. The campaign offers free cash rewards to both existing and new members. Both new and current members are eligible for club card account credits, being distributed during prize drawings held by each major command. Each MAJCOM is awarding a total of six prizes. There is one grand prize drawing for \$3,000, two drawings for \$1,000 and three drawings for \$500. There is one drawing for new members and one for current members. For more information about the "Get In On It" membership campaign, stop by either club during regular business hours and ask the manager for all the details.

CDC food program

Davis-Monthan's Child Development Center has announced sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be made available to enrolled children at no separate charge without regard to sex, race, color, age, handicap or national origin. Any person that believes they have been discriminated against in any USDA related activities should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C., 20250. For more information about the CDC's new food program, call 228-2201.

Services Activities

Holiday hours of operation

All 355th Services Squadron Activities will be closed from Friday through Monday for the long Labor Day holiday weekend except the following:

The arts and crafts center will only be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The auto skills center will be open Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Blanchard Golf Course will be open daily from sunrise to sunset.

The bowling center will be open Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Desert Inn Dining Facility will be open Friday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. and will be closed Saturday through Monday. Since the dining facility will be closed, all enlisted personnel are entitled to the Ration In Kind Not Available daily rate of \$8.75. The facility will re-open Tuesday at 5:15 a.m. for breakfast.

Eagles Nest Restaurant will be open Friday through Monday from 5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fitness and Sports Center will be open Friday and Monday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Fitness Pool will be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Information, Tickets and Tours will be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Library will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental will be open Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation Pool will be open Friday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. for recreational and open swim.

For additional information about service's holiday hours of operation, call 228-7352.

Jewelry Show

The Officers' Spouses' Club will host their annual Jewelry Show at The Mirage Officers' Club Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The show is open to all base personnel. Proceeds help fund the club's charitable account for scholarships, community events and base-wide programs. For more information, call 228-3301.

Dollar Days members lunch

Club members are invited to another Air Combat Command Dollar Days Members' Lunch at The Mirage Officers' Club Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members enjoy a lunch buffet for just a buck. Those who are not members can simply stop by a club and fill out an application to be instantly eligible for the meal. During ACC Dollar Days events, members are treated to \$1 break-